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SUBJECT: E&E EVACUATION THROUGH PHILIPPINES

REF: MANILA 5181

1. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED WE ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE AND  
WE BELIEVE EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE TRANSIENT  
POPULATION AT CLARK AIR BASE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.  
YOU MAY HAVE LATER COUNT AT CLARK THAN AVAILABLE HER,  
BUT ACCORDING OUR FIGURES IN 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING MIDNIGHT  
ZULA TIME APRIL 24, 3456 PERSONS FLEW OUT OF CLARK WHILE  
283 ARRIVED. EXPECT C. 2000 IN ON 25TH BUT OUTFLOW SHOULD  
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REMAIN WELL ABOVE THAT LEVEL.

2. WE CANNOT GIVE EXACT ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBERS OF  
PEOPLE WE WOULD SEEK TO STAGE THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES

IN THE FINAL EVACUATION PERIOD. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WE ARE WORKING WITH THE FIGURE OF 50,000 EVACUEES, OF WHOM WE WILL MOVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE DIRECT TO GUAM. HOWEVER, MANY OF THE AIRCRAFT WE ARE USING CANNOT FLY NON-STOP FROM SAIGON TO GUAM, OR COULD DO SO ONLY WITH A REDUCED LOAD, AND IN ANY EVENT THE ABILITY TO TURN AROUND AT CLARK WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE COULD MOVE IN A GIVEN TIME. THEREFORE WE WOULD LIKE TO

OFF-LOAD SOME AIRCRAFT AT CLARK FOR ONWARD TRANSFER OF PASSENGERS FROM THERE TO GUAM AND UNITED STATES SAFE-HAVEN POINTS.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSURE IN COOPERATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES, THAT REFUGEES DO NOT LEAVE THE BASES, IN ANY WAY ENDANGER PHILIPPINE SECURITY, OR BECOME A BURDEN TO PHILIPPINE SOCIETY.

4. IN LATER STAGES OF THE EVACUATION WE MAY WELL FIND SURFACE VESSELS, BOTH NAVY AND CHARTER, HEAVILY LOADED WITH REFUGEES, EXCEEDING THEIR CAPACITY FOR CARE OF PEOPLE OVER A LONG VOYAGE. WE WOULD THEREFORE HOPE IT

WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PUT THESE REFUGEES ASHORE AT SUBID BAY NAVAL BASE, IN ORDER TO TRANSLOAD THEM ABOARD AIRCRAFT FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT, TO AVOID THE EXTREME HARDSHIP AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF LIFE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM EFFORTS TO TAKE THEM TO US PORTS DIRECT.

5. WE MUST ALSO REALISTICALLY RESPECT THAT IN THE FINAL STAGES OF EVACUATION VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS WILL HEAD FOR THE NEAREST POINT, WHICH IN MANY CASES MAY BE THE PHILIPPINES. WE CANNOT CONTROL THIS TRAFFIC BUT HOPE SUCH REFUGEES WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY BY THE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY SEEK REFUGE. WE HAVE ASKED INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN ONWARD MOVEMENT AND RESETTLEMENT OF RED  
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FUGEES IN ALL COUNTRIES WILLING TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY. (STATE 92890). THE US IS PREPARED TO EXERCISE RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO MAP FURNISHED EQUIPMENT HELD BY VIETNAMESE FORCES.

6. WE HAVE BEEN FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO AVOID EMBARRASSING THE PHILIPPINES WITH REFUGEES WHO ARE POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL AS INDIVIDUALS, AND HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID THIS PROBLEM. YOU MAY ASSURE MARCOS THAT ANY SUCH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LANDED IN THE PHILIPPINES INADVERTENTLY WILL BE MOVED ON VIA THE NEXT AVAILABLE PLANE.

7. IN PRESENTING THESE POINTS TO MARCOS YOU SHOULD  
ALSO ADVISE HIM THAT WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO ABUSE  
PHILIPPINE HOSPITALITY OR TO SADDLE THE PHILIPPINES  
WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IT DOES NOT WISH TO ASSUME. HOW-  
EVER, THE PHILIPPINES IS IN A POSITION TO PLAY A KEY  
ROLE IN A HUMANITARIAN RESCUE OPERATION AND WE HOPE FOR  
COOPERATION IN THAT UNDERTAKING.

8. FOR SAIGON AND MANILA. WITH REGARD TO POINT CITED  
IN PARA SIX ABOVE, SPECIAL CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO  
INSURE THAT UNDERTAKING IN PARA SIX IS FULFILLED. KISSINGER  
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